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SUBJECT: GERMAN AID FOR ZAIRE

REF: A) KINSHASA 3949, B) BRUSSELS 4301

1. FRAU KOCH, ACTING DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL AFRICAN
DEPT IN MINISTRY FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION, CONFIRMED
THAT BISENGIMANA VISITED BONN LAST WEEK.
HE OBTAINED AN APPOINTMENT WITH PRESIDENT SCHEEL
AND REQUESTED DM 1.5 BILLION (\$650 MILLION) IN
ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE. ACCORDING TO KOCH, SCHEEL EXPRES-
SED FRG SUPPORT FOR A RESOLUTION OF ZAIRE'S
EXTERNAL PAYMENTS PROBLEM AND PROMISED TO SEND A
REPRESENTATIVE TO KINSHASA TO EVALUATE THE
SERIOUSNESS OF THE BOP SITUATION. DHONDT, ZAIRE DESK
OFFICER IN ECONOMIC COOPERATION MINISTRY, WILL
MAKE THE TRIP AND PLANS TO LEAVE BONN ON MAY 23.

2. KOCH ADDED PRIVATELY THAT THERE IS VIRTUALLY NO
CHANCE OF FURTHER AID TO ZAIRE, EITHER THROUGH
BILATERAL CHANNELS OR THE COOPERATIVE EFFORT SUGGESTED
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BY RUYS AND REPORTED IN REF B. ZAIRE HAS DEFAULTED

ON PAYMENTS FOR CREDITS EXTENDED BY THE FRG TO GERMAN FIRMS INVESTING IN ZAIRE, AND IN SUCH A SITUATION THE FRG WOULD NOT CONSIDER ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE AT THIS TIME. HOWEVER, FOR POLITICAL REASONS THE GERMANS DO NOT WISH TO GIVE THE IMPRESSION OF DENYING THE REQUEST OUTRIGHT; HENCE THE DHONDT VISIT.

3. IN RESPONSE TO EMBASSY QUERY REGARDING BISENGIMANA CONTACT WITH GERMAN BANKS OR OTHER PRIVATE GERMAN FINANCIAL SOURCES, KOCH INDICATED NO KNOWLEDGE OF SUCH CONTACTS AND CONSIDERED THE LIKELIHOOD VERY SLIM SINCE SUCH SOURCES WOULD BE LESS LIKELY THAN THE GOVERNMENT TO CONSIDER ASSISTANCE TO ZAIRE AT THIS TIME.

4. KOCH INQUIRED ABOUT US POSITION ON SERIOUSNESS OF ZAIRE INDEBTEDNESS AND LIKELIHOOD OF ADDITIONAL AMERICAN ASSISTANCE. EMBASSY REQUESTS WASHINGTON GUIDANCE IN RESPONDING TO KOCH.
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